

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim [[1]] 6 wherein the grip has a grip strength of at least eighteen foot-pounds one minute after complete attachment of the ~~handgrip~~ grip to the butt end of the golf club shaft.
3. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim [[1]] 6 wherein the [[fluid]] water is misted at a rate of at least eleven millimeters per minute.
4. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim [[1]] 6 wherein the ~~gaseous medium is flowed~~ air is introduced into the grip at a pressure of at least forty pounds per square inch.
5. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim [[1]] 6 wherein the grip has a grip strength of at least fifty-five foot-pounds one minute after complete attachment of the ~~handgrip~~ grip to the butt end of the golf club shaft.
6. (Currently Amended) A process for installing a ~~handgrip~~ grip on a golf club shaft, the ~~handgrip~~ grip having a hollow interior with a first diameter and an open end, the golf club shaft having a butt end, the process comprising:
placing the golf club shaft in a retention device with the butt end facing in a first direction, at least a portion of the butt end of the golf club shaft wrapped in a double sided water activated grip tape, the double sided water activated grip tape having an outer water absorptive

adhesive layer, a central saturated paper layer and an inner water absorptive adhesive layer adhered to at least a portion of the butt end of the golf club shaft;

mounting the handgrip in grip on an inflation device of a moveable attachment mechanism, the inflation device including a needle that is inserted into an aperture in a closed end of the grip to support the grip and position the handgrip lying grip in a horizontal plane with the golf club shaft, the open end of the handgrip grip facing the butt end of the golf club shaft, a top end of the handgrip affixed to an inflation device of the moveable attachment mechanism, a barb of the inflation device inserted in an aperture of the top end of the handgrip;

inflating the handgrip grip to a second diameter by introduction of air from an air source through the [[barb]] needle and into the hollow interior of the handgrip grip;

misting water on the outer water absorptive adhesive layer of the double sided water activated grip tape from a nozzle of a misting device of the moveable attachment mechanism, the nozzle positioned in front of the open end of the handgrip grip and supplied from a tube in flow communication with a water source;

moving the handgrip grip over the butt end of the golf club shaft simultaneously with the misting of the outer water absorptive adhesive layer of the double sided water activated grip tape, the handgrip grip inflated to a second diameter; and

ceasing the misting water and flowing of air once the handgrip grip is completely attached to the butt end of the golf club shaft.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying a handgrip grip to a butt end of a golf club shaft, the apparatus comprising:

a shaft retention device having a body with an aperture therethrough for placement of [[a]] the golf club shaft therein;

a moveable attachment mechanism, the moveable attachment mechanism comprising a grip attachment device and a misting device, the grip attachment device having an inflation device with a [[barb,]] needle adapted to be inserted into an aperture in a closed end of the grip, the needle supporting the grip on the moveable attachment mechanism and positioning an open end of the grip facing the butt end of the golf club shaft, the misting device comprising a nozzle for dispensing a fluid onto a tape on [[a]] the golf club shaft;

a fluid source in flow communication with the misting device; and

a gaseous source in flow communication with the inflation device.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the fluid source comprises a container with water.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the gaseous source comprises a container of compressed air.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the misting device further comprises a support structure which positions the nozzle forward of [[a]] the grip attached to the [[barb]] needle.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying a handgrip grip to a butt end of a golf club shaft wrapped in a double-sided water activated tape, the apparatus comprising:

a base having a first end and a second end;

a shaft retention device having a body with an aperture therethrough for placement of a shaft therein, the shaft retention device positioned at a first end of the base, the

shaft retention device extending outward from the base, the aperture of the body positioned within a first horizontal plane parallel to the base;

a moveable attachment mechanism, the moveable attachment comprising:

a grip attachment device comprising a first base block, a second base block, a first guiding rod, a second guiding rod, an arm and an inflation device with a [[barb]] needle, the first and second base blocks extending outward from the base, the first guiding rod slideably positioned through an aperture in the first base block, the second guiding rod slideably positioned through an aperture in the second base block, the first and second guiding rods attached to the arm, the [[barb]] needle attached to the arm between the attachment of the first and second guiding rods such that the needle and the first and second guiding rods extend in the first horizontal plane, the needle adapted to be inserted into an aperture in a closed end of the grip, the needle supporting the grip on the moveable attachment mechanism and positioning an open end of the grip facing the butt end of the golf club shaft; and

a misting device comprising a nozzle for dispensing water onto a tape on [[a]] the golf club shaft and a support section for positioning the nozzle forward of a grip attached to the [[barb]] needle and in a second horizontal plane above the first horizontal plane;

a water source in flow communication with the misting device; and

a source of compressed air in flow communication with the inflation device.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the arm and the misting device move simultaneously from the second end of the base toward the first end.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the misting device dispenses water from the nozzle at a rate of at least eleven milliliters per minute.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the inflation device provides compressed air at least forty pounds per square inch.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)